

Side Event: Human Rights and the Right to the City: Towards Inclusive and Equitable Cities	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	<p>World Vision International Global Platform for the Right to the City United Cities and Local Government Committee (UCLG) on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) International NGO Forum for Indonesian Development (INFID) OHANA Kota Kita Foundation Huairou Commission ActionAid WIEGO -Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing The New School</p>
DATE/TIME	25 July, 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
VENUE	Crystal 1
DESCRIPTION	<p>Inclusive and equitable cities are ones that can provide opportunities for the social, economic and physical participation of diverse populations, offer equal access to services and safe public spaces, and generate greater civic engagement. As city populations grow, urban and social planning must consider policies, programs and services that promote the inclusion and participation of all city dwellers, of all ages, genders and backgrounds, physical abilities, especially the most vulnerable groups, such as children and youth.</p> <p>Everyone has the right to the city. The Global Platform for the Right for the City defines 'The Right to the City' as "the right of all inhabitants present and future, to occupy, use and produce just, inclusive and sustainable cities, defined as a common good essential to the quality of life. The Right to the City further implies responsibilities on governments and people to claim, defend, and promote this right. The city as a common good contains the following components: a city free of discrimination; a city of inclusive citizenship; a city with enhanced political participation; a city with quality public spaces; a city of gender equality; a city with cultural diversity; a city with inclusive economies; a city as a system within the settlement and common ecosystem".</p> <p>The inclusion of the Human Rights approach to the Right to the City concept is essential. The event will discuss how cities can better articulate the Human Rights recognised in international treaties, including the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with local action, This</p>



	<p>includes engaging all local stakeholders in the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights; raise Human Rights awareness; increase the participation of all, especially the most vulnerable; create corresponding local mechanisms; allocate the maximum of available resources at local level; and monitor the implementation of the New Agenda through human rights indicators.</p>
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